Nexalite activities in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

1052. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naxalite activities are on the increase in some states, particularly in the border areas of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government had launched a combined action plan with the concerned State Governments to curb such activities in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the success achieved in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There has been an appreciable increase in the activities of left wing extremists in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. Recently, a spurt is also noticeable in the movement of People's War Group (a major left extremist group based in the Telengana region of Andhra Pradesh) 'Dalams' in the border areas of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. States affected by left Wing extremist violence have been asked to intensify police action and to organise their intelligence more effectively. It has also been impressed upon these states that the basic socio-economic causes which give rise to dissatisfaction among the Scheduled Castes/Tribes and landless groups and make such people more open to the influence of naxal elements also need to be tackled. A Central Study Team had visited Bihar and Andhra Pradesh in 1988 and had submitted a detailed report making several recommendations in respect of streamlining the Administration and the socio-economic developmental effort in the affected areas in order to wean away the tribals and other weakers sections from the extremist influence. Necessary follow up action is being taken by the Central Government as well as by the State Governments on these reports. The Central Government have also impressed upon on the concerned State Governments to organise joint operational plans and concerted Police action by periodic consultation between the police authorities of the neighbouring States so that the left wing extremist elements do no find any shelter in the neighbouring States when they are under pressure in one of the States. The Central Government have also provided Central Forces and arms and ammunition to Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

Prime Minister's visits to Karnataka

1053. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of visits made by the Prime Minister to Karnataka since the imposition of President's Rule in that State;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred on each visit; and

(c) whether during one of his visits, he promised to establish a plant at Hospet and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Prime Minister visited Karnataka four times since the proclamation of President's Rule.

(b) The Prime Minister uses Indian Air Force aircraft or tours. Recoveries at the prescribed rates are made for journeys performed for non-official purposes. The State Governments make arrangements for security and maintenance of law and order when the Prime Minister visits the States, the expenditure on which is not compiled by the Central Government.